

## CUPID ON THE PHONE

By LOUISE OLIVER.

The president of the Midway and Northern and Mr. Dill, his private secretary, were seated beside the great center table in John B. Stoughton's office. Mr. Stoughton himself, seated opposite, was trying his best to look as if railroad presidents and their satellites were customary visitors. He smoked one of his own 50-cent cigars, a dozen of which he had kept in the safe for months for just such a longed-for emergency.

On the table was a map of a certain section of a certain state with dotted lines running over it like a dressmaker's guide, and here and there great blotches of black ink that evidently had something to do with the present conference, for every now and then the president or Mr. Dill would lean forward and trace around those places with well-manicured forefingers. Mr. Stoughton was playing the part of listener.

"You see," explained the president, "it wouldn't do for the people in these sections to discover that we are running these branch lines into their country."

The telephone rang just then. Mr. Stoughton looked annoyed. There was no office girl to answer it, for so far he had not needed the services of one. Legal papers, all that he had, could be copied by the public stenographer across the hall.

The president settled back in his chair as the phone with automatic regularity sounded its staccato notes. There was no use in trying to compete with it for the young lawyer's attention. Mr. Stoughton went over to his desk and took down the receiver.

"Hello!"

"Is that you, Jack?"

"Yes."

"What are you doing?"

"Busy."

"Oh, phaw! You're always busy."

"I'll call you later," answered Jack.

The president picked up his words precisely where he had left off. He was not accustomed to repeating.

"—on account of the coal deposits. So far they are not even aware that it is there. But we have had experts throughout the three counties for a year and find that the whole district is rich. The thing is that if we buy up that property, even on an option, in our own name—"

The telephone rang again. Mr. Stoughton's hands closed tight as if he would like to choke its metallic throat. The president again sat back in his chair and the secretary drummed impatiently on the table.

"Hello!" called Jack, answering its insistent ring for the second time.

"Jackie, dear! I'm so sorry I was cross," came Marjorie's voice, "and I know you didn't mean to be rude. I've been thinking about you all day, and how lovely it will be when we're married and have our little bungalow up on the hill. It's just like a fairy tale, isn't it, Jackie?"

"Yes!" responded Jack, in as businesslike a tone as he could command. "Perhaps I'd better call you later—I'm very busy just now."

"Oh—all right," coldly.

And again he returned to the table.

"—there's going to be hold-up when we try to get our right of way," the president continued. "So our company has decided to engage the services of an attorney to handle the situation, get all options in his own name and to handle the situation generally. Our own lawyer would not do for the reason I mentioned. Now as to a commission—of course, it would mean—"

The telephone rang again. The secretary jumped up and walked the floor and the president this time looked very much annoyed.

"Hello!" he called for the third time.

"Jack, don't be cross, please, but I've been crying, crying; think of it. You've acted so queerly today. I'm so miserable because I know you don't love me any more!"

"Why, I do, dear!"

"Then you'll have to say it, the whole thing. 'I love you—Marjorie, just like, before I'll believe you.'"

He obeyed. "I love you, Marjorie." What else was there for it?

The railroad president pushed back his chair and got up, and when Jack left the phone his visitors had their maps folded and their hats, coats and sticks ready to depart.

"We had better take up the matter at some future time when you're not so busy," Mr. Stoughton.

"Some other time, perhaps," was the answer as he bowed them out. But Jack knew that he had lost thousands of dollars forever.

"Dearie," said Jack that evening when they were out in the garden, a paradise of sweet spring fragrance that was intoxicating. "We can't ever build that bungalow if we aren't careful. I lost a good chance today." And then he told her as tactfully as he could what had happened.

"The Midway and Northern! Why, that's Uncle Ben! I told him to go to you, and I'll just interrupt him all I like. I'll tell him to go right back in the morning!" And the rest of the conversation doesn't concern us at all. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Legitimate Scheme.

"You may get returns amounting to several hundred dollars from a 50-cent investment."

"A get-rich-quick scheme, hey?"

"No, you don't get rich quick. The original investment is in garden seeds. You gotta plant 'em and tend 'em."

## THE GREENSBOROS

## GREENSBORO

Prof. S. Clay of the junior high school was in Lyndon last week attending a teachers' meeting.

Mrs. Clara Fay and son of Westford were at the home of Mrs. Fay's father, L. A. Simpson, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Barrington and little daughter of Dahinda, Saskatchewan, are visiting at the home of J. H. Barrington.

Superintendent Cowles of Craftsbury was in town Monday looking after the schools at the beginning of the second term.

Drs. E. M. Crane of Hardwick and F. C. Kinney of this place held a consultation Friday in regard to the illness of L. A. Jackson.

George Laycock was in Burlington several days last week where he went to enlist in the navy. He failed to pass the physical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Demars, who have been occupying the DeBrune tenement moved last week to the tenement in James Wilson's house.

St. Michael's Catholic church at Greensboro Bend held a well-attended whist party at the Grange hall in this village Tuesday evening of last week.

B. F. Dow, who has been quite ill the past week with grip is fast improving and his many friends hope to see him on the streets in the near future.

Roger Wakefield left several days ago for his work in Mt. Hermon school, spending two days in Montpelier visiting Harold Messer on his way.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodrich, after an extended visit in Lyndon, and Manchester, N. H., returned last week and will occupy a tenement in the James Wilson house.

The subject for the C. E. meeting Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in the Congregational church will be, "Young Christians Reaching Outward." Leader, Merle Hartson.

The village schools began Monday with the same corps of teachers with the exception of the junior high school principal, Prof. S. Clay taking the place of Prof. F. Corrigan, resigned.

The young people's societies of the two churches held a well-attended union meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening, led by Harold Simpson. The hearty singing was an especially fine feature of the meeting.

The Glad Game class of the Congregational Sunday school held a business meeting and social at the home of the teacher, Mrs. J. H. Barrington Thursday. The class voted to pay \$5 on the church missionary appointment.

Sam Ladd and W. S. Ingalls drove the young ladies of the Saxonian company to Barton Monday evening after the entertainment, from which the young ladies took the train to Richmond, where they give their next entertainment.

Because of the severe storm the Grangers did not hold their installation and regular meeting Thursday. The meeting was adjourned to Thursday evening of this week, when the officers will be installed by the new deputy, G. H. Albee, of East Hardwick.

The "Saxonsians" composed of four young ladies, gave the third entertainment of the Greensboro lecture-trot Monday evening to a good audience. The program was a good one and the saxophone work by the company was a new feature in this village and called out liberal applause. The violin playing by Miss Irene Peshak was of a high order as were the readings by Miss Lillian Ward. The next number in the course will be given by Col. Miller, lecture humorist, Feb. 24th, promises to be one of the very best of the entire course.

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mittee, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Willey; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Kaiser, Charles Goodrich and Mrs. J. H. Barrington. It was voted to spend \$25 on the sidewalks and to set the new flag pole in the center of the village and pay all yet unpaid in connection with it.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Friday, Jan. 4 and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Deacon P. N. Allen; clerk and treasurer, Deacon A. E. Perrin; prudential committee, Geo. Y. Simpson, Geo. Young and Geo. Philbrook. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$250 with all debts paid. This is a creditable showing for the outgoing prudential committee, Burt Cook, N. H. Kaiser and H. H. Haines. It is especially gratifying in view of the fact that the north side of the church has been shingled, electric lights have been installed and the remainder of the debt on the pipe organ has been paid. It was voted to increase the salary of the pastor to \$1,000.

## GREENSBORO BEND

Mrs. John Rock was in St. Johnsbury on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Piper have both been quite sick the past week.

Eugene Anair moved his family to Laconia, N. H., the last of the week.

The W. R. C. held a public installation of officers Tuesday at the M. W. A. hall.

Mrs. Emma Webster is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Annie Wilcox.

T. W. Silver and John Silver were in East Craftsbury Wednesday to attend the funeral of Paul Harriman.

Doris Bailey has returned to the home of her grandparents to attend school after spending her vacation at her home in Craftsbury.

Thomas Demars, aged 84 years, who has been in failing health for about a year, died at his home Thursday. The funeral was held at the Catholic church Saturday at 10 o'clock. Mr. Demars leaves seven children and a number of grandchildren to mourn his loss. Mr. Demars was a very industrious man.

## Good for Fair Sex.

The Saturday half holiday and the observance of Sunday as a day of open air recreation, a writer states, are working powerfully and beneficially toward health and longevity. Girls and women stand peculiarly in need of exercise and activities which give them an entirely new set of mental and physical impulses. Gardening and botanizing, motoring parties, excursions, bird study, and all the things that amuse and interest, including all light athletic sports, especially if these can be practiced in the open air, are splendid.

## Politeness.

The popularity which is worth while is that which comes from a sincere attitude toward all the world. This sincerity should not show itself in a critical frankness. It should, rather, take into consideration the feelings of others. As to the question of politeness to those above us and those beneath us, it would seem really more necessary to give our best to those who have the least.—Exchange.

## Emphasizing the U's

A Frenchman, boasting in company that he had thoroughly mastered the English language, was asked to write the following from dictation: "As Hugh Hughes was hewing a yule-log from a yew-tree, a man dressed in clothes of a dark hue came up to Hugh and said, 'Have you seen my ewes?' 'If you will wait until I hew this yew, I will go with you anywhere in Europe to look for your ewes,' said Hugh."

## Conservative.

Conservation of supplies and resources is now being preached to us from every quarter and, of course, is for the benefit of mere man. Everyone knows that a woman endeavors constantly to get by with a minimum amount of waist.—Indianapolis Star.

## Some of Our Magazine Prices

The list below contains our special prices on a FEW of the magazines and papers we can sell you at substantial discounts.

Woman's Magazines		General Magazines	
Delineator	1.50 1.35	American Magazine	2. 1.80
Good Housekeeping	1.50 1.25	Collier's Weekly	2.50 2.
Ladies' World	1. .75	Cosmopolitan	1.50 1.25
McCall's Magazine	.75 .60	Everybody's	1.50 1.25
Modern Priscilla	1.25 1.15	Hearst's Magazine	1.50 1.25
Mother's Magazine	1.50 1.15	Illustrated World	2. 1.75
Today's Housewife	.75 .65	Metropolitan	2. 1.80
Woman's Home Companion	1.50 1.25	McClure's	2.50 1.25
Woman's World	.50 .45	Outlook	4. 3.65
Juvenile		Review of Reviews	3. 2.25
American Boy	1.50 1.25	Sunset	1.50 1.25
Boy's Life (Scout Magazine)	1.50 1.25	World's Work	3. 2.50
Boy's Magazine	1. .85	Special	
Little Folks	1.50 1.25	Etude (music magazine)	1.50 1.35
St. Nicholas	3. 2.50	Motor	3. 2.75
Youth's Companion	2.00 1.85	Normal Instructor	1.50 1.35
Newspapers		Farm Papers	
Boston D'y Herald Journal	3.50 3.	Farm and Fireside	.50 .40
Boston Daily Post	3.50 3.	Farm Journal (five years)	1. .85
Boston Evening Record	3.50 2.	Hoard's Dairyman	1. .90
Burlington Weekly Free Press	1. .95	New England Homestead	1. .90
La Presse (in U. S.)	1.50 1.45	Religious	
Montreal Weekly Witness (in U. S.)	1.85 1.75	C. E. World	2. 1.85
N. Y. Thrice-a-Week W'd	1. .75	Christian Herald	2. 1.75
		Catholic Bulletin	1.50 1.25

## THE MONITOR

Barton, - - - Vermont

## ORLEANS LOCAL MENTION

(Continued from Page Five).

Mrs. H. B. Smith went to Epping, N. H., Monday to be with her granddaughter, who is very ill.

Second Lieut. Alton A. Doe arrived in town Monday from Camp Greene, N. C., on a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wells moved from Mrs. Foley's house into Mrs. Dudley's tenement Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. is invited to meet with the Mothers' club at the home of Mrs. Dickens Tuesday evening.

Miss Sarah Allen came from Barton Monday to spend the remainder of the winter at the Valley House.

Gordon Joslyn has so far recovered from his illness as to be able to go back to Fort Slocom Monday night.

Viva and Verne Richardson returned home Friday from a visit at the home of Alfred Tripp, at Lyndonville.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cota died of pneumonia on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Burial was at Lowell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harris went to Highwater, P. Q., the last of the week to visit their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Warner.

R. A. Bean has closed his house for the remainder of the winter and the family will live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. French.

Mrs. G. W. Magoon returned home Saturday from Derby where she had been caring for her brother, Edgar Moore, in his last illness.

At the annual meeting of the Central Savings Bank & Trust company, G. J. Gross was elected as a director in addition to the old board.

The Orleans Platoon, Co. H, 1st Vt. Volunteer Militia, go to Newport on Wednesday evening for drill. They will be issued ammunition.

The Pythian Sisters will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening. It is hoped there will be a good attendance as there is to be a rehearsal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy have been in Danville the greater part of the time for the last two weeks during the illness of their father, Chas. E. Hardy.

Mrs. A. L. Ryder of Lyndonville came Friday to be with her sister, Mrs. L. S. Alden and will make her home with her for the remainder of the winter.

The funeral of Edgar Moore, who died in Derby Saturday, Jan. 12, was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Magoon, Monday afternoon. The interment will be in Pleasant View cemetery. Rev. R. A. Hamilton was the officiating clergyman.

The supreme court last week affirmed the decision of the Orleans county court in granting a divorce to Sadie A. Brown vs. Ed. Brown. The case was tried at Newport at the September term of county court, 1916, and went to supreme court on exceptions. Colby Stoddard and F. D. Thompson appeared as counsel for Mrs. Brown.

The annual donation will be held in the M. E. church vestry Thursday evening, but in keeping with the times the supper will be omitted and light refreshments will be served. A good entertainment will be given to which everyone is invited to come and have a jolly good time. All those having envelopes please hand them in at this time.

The January meeting of the Missionary society of the Congregational church will be held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23d, in the chapel at 2.30. A special invitation is extended to all the young women of the congregation. Two missionary games will be played and there will be special music. This meeting was postponed from Jan. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dudley arrived in town from Beverly, Mass., Saturday. Mrs. Dudley expects to make

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Wanted to represent well-known banking house in this territory, dealing in listed securities. Opportunity to develop extensive business. Write John L. Shea, Avenue House, St. Johnsbury, and arrange personal interview.

her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wedge, while her husband is in the U. S. service. He plays the trombone in the marine band now located at Commonwealth pier, but is now on a ten days' furlough. He expects soon to go to France.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of the state president, Mrs. M. L. Pearson, Tuesday evening, eleven members and ten visitors being present, a good number for such a stormy evening.

A paper, "Alcohol in Scientific Work," by Rev. R. A. Hamilton, and another, "How Is the U. S. Government Related to the Liquor Traffic?" by Rev. W. S. Smithers, and a talk, "The Liquor Traffic in the Business World," and piano duet by the Misses Evelyn Kinney and Fanny Dean, in addition to the regular work of the meeting made it a very interesting one and it was voted to give the same program at the Methodist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Sunday evening, Jan. 27.

## Washing the Hose.

Into a room full of company rushed Donald, soaking wet from head to feet. "Why, Donald!" exclaimed his astonished mother, "where have you been?" "I been," gulped Donald. "I been washin' the hose!"

## Our Comprehension.

Let us raise our conceptions to the magnitude and importance of the duties that devolve upon us; let our comprehension be as broad as the country for which we act, our aspirations as high as its certain destiny; let us not be pygmies in a case that calls for men.—Daniel Webster.

## Actor's Feat of Memory.

William Lyon, an itinerant actor in Edinburgh, once wagered that on the next day at rehearsal he could repeat the whole of the "Daily Advertiser," and, although drunk the night before, he achieved this feat.

## Knows Its Terrors.

The minister who recently delivered a sermon on "The Terrible Quarter," has nothing on us. We used to belong to one.—Topeka Capital.

## SHERIFF'S SALE

Taken on execution in favor of E. A. Cook and N. A. Norton both of Lyndonville, Caledonia County and against The Independent Telephone Exchange, a corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Vermont and